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In re Application of

Albert Leo Schmidt

Application No. 10/685,274

Filed: October 14, 2003

Attorney Docket No. ST-0107-D

**DECISION ON PETITION** 

TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER

37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 15, 2003, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition (Declaration) includes a statement from applicant Albert Leo Schmidt, stating that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3752 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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